

Remarks:

R1 Claims 1, 3 to 9, and 11 to 19 are pending in the application. Claims 2 and 10.

R2 Claims 1, 3 to 9, and 15 to 19 are allowed.

R3 Claims 12 to 14 stand rejected.

R4 Claims 12 to 14 have been cancelled. Without prejudice, Applicant cancels claims 12 to 14 pending a Notice of Allowance. Applicant reserves the right to pursue patent protection for claims 12 to 14 via a Continuation application at a later date.

R5 Paragraphs [0010], [0011], and [0013] have been amended to correspond to respective independent claims 1, 9, and 15 in accordance with current U.S. patent practice. Support for the amendments is found in the allowed independent claims 1, 9, and 15.

R6 It is submitted that no additional subject matter has been introduced by the amendment.

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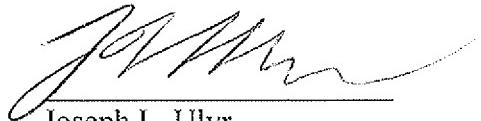
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Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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